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To the Honourable

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OF THE

England 376
House of Commons, &c.

A S H O R T

Abstract for the more effectual hindring Intelligence with *France*, by the full preventing the Exportation of Wool, &c.

TH A T its humbly submitted to you, that a Clause were put in the Bill before you, touching the same, That no Persons, called Owlars, or their Agents, living in the Counties of *Kent* and *Sussex*, upon any pretence whatsoever, Buy up or Ingross any lesser or greater quantity of Wool; or any other Person, except such that are Clothiers, Serge-makers, Wool-staplers, Fel-mongers, or any other Person or Persons that have a Right, by Service of Time, to any Manufacturer of Wool in those two Counties aforesaid, under a Forfeiture that shall be thought fit, &c.

R E A S O N S.

I. If no Owlars or Agents be suffered, as aforesaid, then it disappoints the French in having our Wool, and gives no Incouragement for their Sloops and Shallops to lie upon those Coasts, there being no Prey for them.

II. Intelligence cannot be kept up with *France* to that degree as it is, neither will there be the opportunity for Traytors and disaffected Persons to make their Escapes, * they getting over in Owl Boats.

III. It will in great measure preserve our Coasters, that are often taken by the said Sloops and Shallops, either in going or coming to their respective Ports.

IV. It would greatly satisfy the Trading part of the Manufacturers of Wool in the Kingdom; with Merchants and others, whose Petitions, from several parts of the said Kingdom, desire the same.

V. It would quicken Trade greatly in *England*, and be a means to raise Land, by reason the Product thereof selling well.

VI. It would much lessen and weaken the French Interest, and reduce the Subjects of that King, and make this Kingdom flourish.

All which Considerations are left to your Wisdom.